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BASEBALL

There are certain signs on the sporting pages of the newspapers that portend a certain day in April. Somebody is holding out for a mammoth bonus. Some outfit has decided on Marlin springs or Hot Springs for a training camp. The "Young Adenoids" are looking for a good pitcher not over 15, who does not have to work on Saturday afternoons. We know what these things mean. They are the signs inevitable. Basshall is in the offing though winter is not yet over the hill. Professionals and amateurs are beginning to get ready to hit their strides.

The outlook for America's great game for 1920 is especially good. It cannot come too soon, that can assure us of our much-abused friend, Mr. Umpire, announcing to the "Indies and Gentlemen" the bat-poles for the afternoon's game.

But once since 1909 has the small boy's idol, Tyus Cobb, failed in leading his league in batting. Will he lead it again this year? Will Ruth beat his home run record? Will Sisler steal 45 bases? In these things the fans are interested. But it is in the game themselves that they are "crazy" about. They are quite ready for Mr. Umpire to command "play ball." And that goes for big league territory and for the sand lots, where the natural ball players come from.

WHERE HE STANDS.

On the one hand are they who insist that the Carranza government is bucking the cause of Bolshevism in the new world; that the Mexican president is working hand-in-hand with the radical extremists?

On the other hand Irwin Grank complains in the Liberator:

"Carranza has come out a bit more in his true outline, with an assault on the socialists of Yucatan and the priests of Tampico."

It was in Yucatan that the only real socialist experiment was made. The whole state went Bolshevik. They were going somewhere, and every man was ready to die for Felipe Carrillo (Mexican League) and the benefits socialism has brought them.

Now Carranza has changed all that.

It may be that Carranza stands on the half-way ground between those who see red when any change in government is proposed, and those who are red. In other words, midway between Wall street and Petrograd.

WOMEN IN POLITICS.

Women today influence politics in every civilized nation in the world.

Mrs. Peter Gleeson of Minnesota, as informed by the Democratic national committee,

"It is safe to conjecture," continued Mrs. Gleeson, "that the liberal parties of all nations will find favor with those newly enfranchised citizens. Women do not scoff at ideals; they believe in putting ideals into action."

That, too, is true.

What are the most politicians who now control parties, going to do about it?

HIGH COST OF TALK.

"Talk is cheap," observed an individual back in the time when other things, too, were cheap. But not now. Talk is more expensive than it was in grandfather's day. Especially is this true of non-resident emigration.

Every hour a congressman or senator talks he eats up \$100 of the people's money. This represents but that portion of the cost which goes into printing the speech in the Congressional Record, which sets the govern-

ment back \$60 a page. The talker's salary should be included. So should the stenographer's and the page's, and the doorkeeper's and a lot of other items. Probably \$600 an hour might be near what we pay for an hour's congressional talk.

Which wouldn't be so bad if the talker said something. So much of what burdens the Congressional Record is intended only for the building of political fences back home, and so little for the good of the country.

WASHING DISHES.

The Chicago Woman's club doesn't want any dish washing advice from any man. The members feel they know all there's to be known upon the subject. At least that is the impression one gets when one reads that the club recently asked a lecturer to desist when he began expounding his own favorite method of dish washing. And one can hardly blame the good housewife who, after hurrying through with the breakfast dishes and the lunch dishes, would prefer listening to the latest word on the dialects of the dark continent or the dawn of music in the dark ages, or anything else far distant from thudding saucers and foamy suds.

THE TOWN GOSSIP

AUTOMOBILES.

ARE CURIOUS things.

IN MORE ways than one.

AND YESTERDAY afternoon,

I WENT home.

KIND OF ours.

AND DIDN'T buy.

ANYTHING ELSE to do.

AND MADE up my mind.

THAT I'D mind around.

AND OIL up the car.

OUT IN the backyard.

AND I GOT an oil can.

AND STARTED in.

AND OILED everything.

THAT I could find.

ON TOP of the car.

AND ON the sides.

AND THEN I thought.

I MIGHT as well.

MAKE A god job of it.

AND I got down.

ON MY back.

AND HITCHED along.

UNTIL I got underneath.

THE AUTOMOBILE.

AND FOUND a lot of things.

THAT I didn't know.

WERE DOWN there.

AND OILED them all good.

AND I started in.

AT THE rear end.

AND WORKED up front.

AND GOT down under.

DOWN MY collar.

AND IN my ears.

AND EVERYTHING.

THAT I found was loose.

ON THAT would turn.

WAS THOROUGHLY oiled.

AND UP in front.

I SAW a little fire.

AND GONE know.

WHETHER IT would turn or not.

AND THIRTY it.

AND WATER flushed out.

AND IT fit me in the face.

AND GOT into hot water.

AND DOWN MY neck.

AND SPATTERED all over.

AND I had an awful sight.

AND WAS a terrible sight.

WHEN I did not get out.

AND CAUGHT fire.

WHEN I got into the house.

AND FIVE found me since.

THAT THAT was the thing.

THAT LET me water out.

OF THE radiator.

I THANK you.

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(Adv.)

Don't fail to see "Diamonds and Hearts" at the high school tonight. Adults 35 cents, children 25 cents, Adv.

Spring is painting time. Let us figure with you. Phone 1275 or 28.

Does your roof leak? Phone 1275 or 28. We guarantee work. Beauty & Adv.

ANSWERING A CYNIC.

Just Folks

by Edgar A. Guest

ANSWERING A CYNIC.

"No little joy for the average man." Said one with a sly smile. "The house is run and the food is raw. The world is run on a crooked plan. For his is a dismal place to live. By the sweat of his brow he grows his bread. He must walk like a mill with a creaking tread, And coarse are feathers that line his bed. And many are hours of pain. He gives his best to the cold Hopkins. But poor are the wages his master pays. And his heart is torn in a thousand ways. And ever his hopes are vain."

"Life never is kind to the average man." Said one with the cynic's sneer. "It has kept him down since the world began. Working with pulse and belt and fan—A long in its mighty gear. While the world goes by in a bitterly wrought design. Where men are paid to run where the rich are fine. And march their thralls on the richest wine, And dance to the end of time."

The man must stand to those tasks by the day. And gaze at the hill tops faraway. Where men are happy and children play, But never those hills they climb."

"Now, I am an average man," said I. When the world has dropped my wad. And I give no thought to the mounting bills, Or the pleasures which only the rich can buy. For mine is a sweater tale. For I can go home when my work is done. To the sounds of laughter and childish merriment. Neath a roof that is proud against rain and sun. To love and its welcome kiss. Mine is a freedom denied to kings. For I can fly in my wings, And reap my joy from a thousand things. That ever the rich must miss."

"Mine is a life that is free from sham. And there's joy in the work I do. My friends are friendly for what I am. And not for the gold which my purse may claim. No matter they never notice."

I am slow to mighty joys—my loved ones need.

And the world is full of trouble, but I'm used.

And I teach my children a simple creed.

To lighten their times of woe.

And though I am an average man, I swear.

I wouldn't exchange my round of care.

For the golden crown that a king may wear.

Nor this joy that the rich may know."

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Rotarians Hear of Valley and the Future of Corpus Christi

R. W. STAYTON RESIGNS FROM SCHOOL BOARD

Three Teachers in the City Schools Also Tender Resignations.

R. W. Stayton tendered his resignation as a member of the board of school trustees for the Corpus Christi schools at a meeting of the board late yesterday afternoon. Mr. Stayton gave his resignation because of private business and lack of time. No successor was elected yesterday.

Two teachers in the city schools also resigned yesterday, and Miss Estelle Martlett was released from her contract at her request. She has been teaching in the Edward Purman school. The two resignations accepted were of Miss Ethel Young, teacher of sciences in the high school, and Miss Anna Wetherup, teacher in the Edward Purman school.

See the State Life Insurance Company's ad in Sunday's paper. Wallace L. Davis, District Manager.

KENEDY NEWS

KENEDY, Texas, Jan. 23.—George W. Morrow of Mountain became the Methodist church last night. His subject was "America's Opportunity at Home and Overseas." The house was well filled.

The Mission Camp No. 175 met in their hall last night with a full corps of officers and members present. There will be a revivit in this order in this section of the country and there will be several applications for membership at the next meeting.

The Kennedy Ice company has placed orders for a lot of new machinery to make some necessary repairs for the season of 1920.

COTTON PICKING LATE

More Texas Cotton Now in Fields Than for a Period of Twenty Years.

By The Associated Press

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 23.—Picking of cotton is from thirty to forty days late in Texas and there is more cotton in the fields than there has been in any season at this time in the past twenty years, according to S. S. Frazier, secretary of the Texas Cotton Growers association. As a result few gins are operating regularly he said. Rain since Christmas, he added, has almost completely stopped picking of the staple, and the large part of the cotton now in the fields will probably remain until spring.

"Within the next four weeks farmers will begin to prepare their land for the new crop crop," he said, "providing the weather permits. The time is almost at hand for planting the 1920 crop and the remains of the 1919 crop will be sacrificed. However, that cotton that is raised under will be mostly of the same quality and known as the third, or 'second pickings.'

Mr. Frazier said he had heard of one farmer in Northwest Texas who had approximately fifty acres that remain to be gathered.

Tonight at the high school, "Diamonds and Hearts" (Adv.)

Stops the Tickles.

Heads the Third and Fourth Day Conventions.

DALE BEALING HONEY, 25¢ A glass box of GROVES OPEN-TOPPEL SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Cold and Croup with every bottle. (Adv.)

POLL TAX PAYMENTS

Perhaps the weather has something to do with the payment of poll taxes, for yesterday only twenty-five persons from the rural districts of the county came to the courthouse to pay the tax. Although a total of twenty-five payments was received by the county, twenty-two of them came from residents of Corpus Christi.

To the City of Corpus Christi:

Ward 1 2 66

Ward 2 4 39

Ward 3 1 31

Ward 4 6 146

Ward 5 6 182

Ward 6 10 127

Total to city 28 663

To Nueces County:

C. C. Ward 1 4 37

C. C. Ward 2 0 20

C. C. Ward 3 0 16

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